

2017 ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge

Luxembourg/LUX, 11 – 17 August 2017

INVITATION & PROSPECTUS

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1. Partners and Contacts

Organizers:

China Table Tennis College-Europe
ITTF Education & Training Program

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Local Organizing Contact:	<p>Patrick Massen To be contacted for visa requests. info@cttce.lu; +352 48 37 83</p>

2. Key Dates and Activities

Continental Nomination (CFs):	15 June 2017
Wild Card Nomination (ITTF):	20 June 2017
Deadline for Entry & Visa (NAs):	30 June 2017 http://bit.ly/2q3BUWj
Deadline for Travel and Hospitality:	10 July http://bit.ly/2q3O7Ku
Online Education Course:	1 – 31 July
Arrival and Departure Dates:	10 August and 18 August 2017
Coaches Meeting:	10 August at 19:00
Training Camp and Educational Sessions:	11 – 17 August 2017
Draw:	16 August at 15:00
Tournament:	17 August
Evaluation Report Published:	21 August
Hopes Team Announced:	21 August

3. Venue and Hospitality

Venue:	<p><u>National Sports Institute of Luxembourg</u> Sports Hall and Conference rooms facilities 66, rue de Trèves, L-2630 Luxembourg</p> <p>The I.N.S. is located in Cents-part of Luxembourg City. Under one roof you can find a hall with 20 tables, a fitness center, conference rooms, a restaurant, two football fields and a students' dormitory with 37 rooms.</p>
Hospitality for Official Delegations:	<p><u>I.N.S. Students' Dormitory, on full board basis</u> Luxembourg (players, coaches and staff only) The participants will be accommodated in triple and twin rooms. The selected players of the same gender, will share rooms, while coaches of the same gender will be accommodated with their fellow coaches. The facilities feature free Internet (Wi-Fi) access. All the participants are kindly asked to bring their own towels.</p>
Participants and Reserves:	<p>The number of entries is limited to 16 girls and 16 boys applying the following quota per gender:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 3 places for Asia and Europe, - 2 places for Africa and Latin America, - 1 place for North America and Oceania,

- 1 place for the Host,
- 3 Wild Cards,

with a maximum of 1 girl and 1 boy per National Association. Players nominated by the Continental Federation but not confirmed by the National Association or failing to attend for any reason, will be replaced from the worldwide reserves' list.

Official Hospitality Package: The Official Hospitality Package (OHP) for players and coaches includes the following:

- accommodation in I.N.S. Dormitory in twin or triple rooms,
- meals on full board basis,
- transfers from/to the Airport and Railway Station on official arrival and departure days.

Participation Support: In cooperation with its partners the ITTF secured the support to cover full hospitality for:

- all the 32 qualified players, with a maximum of 1 girl and 1 boy per National Association;
- one coach nominated by the National Association per player. If two players (one girl, one boy) from the same National Association qualify, ITTF will support two coaches only if both genders are represented in the coaching team.

Insurance and Indemnity: All the participants, players and coaches, must have a valid travel insurance covering but not limited to related travel, medical and life insurance; ITTF and the Organizers are not liable for any injury or loss.

During the entire duration of the activity players must be supervised by their coaches and/or accompanying persons. The Organizers will appoint a female contact person for possible gender related matters, but nevertheless please note that according to the ITTF Policy for Underage Players National Associations are responsible for all the supervision and wellbeing of their participants, whereby a coach (or Manager) from the National Association must attend with the players, ideally a female or a parent when female players are concerned.

Accompanying/Additional Persons: Persons, who are not members of the Official Delegation, cannot stay in the I.N.S. Dormitory, which is strictly reserved for athletes, coaches, staff and other sport-related technical personnel.

In case your Delegation will include Accompanying Persons you are welcome to proceed with private arrangements in relation to their staying in Luxembourg.

However, if you need assistance, please do let us know about the intention of entering Accompanying Person by specifying such a request in the Entry & Visa Form; the Organizers will get back to you informing you about the options and the related rates in due time.

Transfers:	Pick-up and drop-off at Luxembourg Airport and Luxembourg Railway Station on official arrival day (10 August) and official departure day (18 August) only.
Visas:	<p>Please send a scanned copy of the passport of all the members of your official delegation to: Patrick Massen (info@cttce.lu) and Daniela Gomes (dgomes@ittfmail.com) by 30 June 2017.</p> <p>Please, note that in case your delegation will include Accompanying Persons they have to take care of their Visas accordingly, i.e. through the Hotels they will be staying at, regardless if the booking was facilitated by the Organizers.</p>
Contact for Visas:	Patrick Massen Email: info@cttce.lu

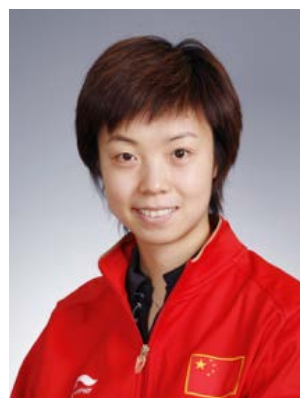
4. Training Camp

Coaching Team: **Head Coaches:**

Li Xiaodong (CHN)
(To be confirmed)



Zhang Yining (CHN)



ITTF: **Dejan Papic (CAN)**

The Head coaches will be assisted by the coaching team of the CTTC-E and will work in close cooperation with the players' Coaches

Tables:	20 tables
Training Partners:	6 high level CTTC Chinese training partners

5. Educational Sessions

Compulsory Pre-Activity Online Course:	An online course will be set up in the period 1 – 31 July and it will be compulsory for all the coaches, who will attend the activity, to complete the course.
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Coaches not completing the online course and/or not attending the educational sessions without due reason will be invoiced for their WHW hospitality. Failing to do so will diminish the chances for the player to be selected to the Hopes Team.

Number of Educational Sessions:	Five (5) educational sessions, 60-90 minutes each. Coaches Attendance is compulsory.
Presenters:	Experts nominated by the CTTC-E will present during three (3) educational sessions. One (1) educational session will be conducted by the Head Coaches. One (1) presentation is reserved for the participating coaches. The ITTF Education & Training would like to encourage coaches to share their knowledge and experience not only in the hall, but also through well-defined and presented topics related to working with players between 9-15 years old. The best submitted presentation will be the 5 th educational session. The coach will be rewarded with an ITTF Educational Coaching Scholarship to the value of US\$1,000 to be negotiated based on the specific needs and situation of the coach selected. The ITTF Education & Training Program will publish several of the best presentations on the online educational platform available at www.ittfeducation.com .



6. Tournament (World Hopes Challenge)

Events:	1. Boys' Singles 2. Girls' Singles
Format:	1. Boys' and Girls' Singles: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. the events shall be organized in two stages: qualifications and main draw; b. in the qualification stages players shall be divided in two (2) round robin groups of eight (8) players; the first and second player from each group shall advance to main draw 1-4 positions; third and fourth player from each group shall advance to main draw 5-8 position and so on respectively for all the positions in the groups; c. players advancing from the same group will be drawn into different halves in the main draw; d. players that have finished first in round robin groups will be drawn against players finished second in round robin groups and the same system will be used for all the positions.

7. Talent Identification (Evaluation)

Evaluation Lists:	Two evaluation lists will be produced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - One by the ITTF appointed coaches/evaluators, i.e. the Final Standing List. The Hopes Team will be selected based on this list. - The second list will be done by participating coaches. As a part of their assignments coaches will evaluate all the players of the same gender as their own player. Although major attributes in our sport are not measurable it would be valuable information if each coach
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can compare his perception of talent evaluation with the opinion of his/her peers and experts.

**Evaluators-
Final Standing
List:** The Coaching Team will evaluate all players. At least three coaches will evaluate each gender. Eight attributes shall be evaluated by using marks from 1 to 10 (whereby 10 is the best possible mark).

**NAs' Coaches
List:** Coaches shall submit the evaluation sheets for all the players of the same gender as their own player. Eight attributes shall be evaluated by marks from 1 to 10 and submitted through the online form not later than 20 August.

Final Standing: The final standing will be formed by the results of the tournament (35% of overall points) and the arithmetic average of all evaluators (65%).

Tournament points:

Place:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9-10	11-12	13-14	15-16
Points:	10	8	7	6	5.25	4.5	3.75	3	2.5	2	1.5	1

8. Hopes Team Selection

Selection Criteria:

Four girls and four boys will be selected for the 2017 Hopes Team.

The winners of the tournament shall obtain automatic placement in the Hopes Team.

The remaining six spots will be selected having in mind the position of representatives of each continent based on the Final Standing List, whereby the player must reach positions 1-10 at the World Hopes Challenge in order to be considered.

Continental representation will be observed, while priority will be given to players with higher rank at the Final Standing considering also the gender aspect. In case a boy and a girl from the same continental federation have the same ranking, the player with more points will be prioritized.

All selected players including the winners shall:

- demonstrate the qualities of sportsmanship, expected of someone selected by ITTF, on and off the court and including but not limited to training ethics, respect for other players-coaches-officials and ability to work as member of a team,
- be accompanied by a coach that has completed the online education course with passing marks, attended coaching workshops/educational session and submitted all required evaluation sheets.

If all eight (8) spots cannot be filled by the above-mentioned criteria, the available spots will be awarded to the highest ranked player (in case of equal ranking, advantage is given to player with more points).

No more than one player from the same National Association shall be selected except in the case the winners are from the same National Association.

Alternates:

A player will be replaced if the National Association does not confirm the selected player and coach before the given deadline for the follow-up camp and the 2017 ITTF World Cadet Challenge.

This player shall be substituted by be the highest ranked player from the same continent in the top 10 (if applicable).

In case there are no more players from the same continent the next ranked player will be selected.

NAs' Coaches:

The ITTF Hopes Program is an educational opportunity for both coaches and players. It is highly recommended that the coach attending the ITTF World Hopes Week & Challenge accompanies the selected player at any future Hopes activities including participation at the ITTF World Cadet Challenge in the second half of the year, provided the player is selected for the Hopes Team.

In case of illness or any other valid reasons that requires changing a coach, the newly appointed coach will need to complete the online education course before the start of the activities in the second half of the year.

The training camp before the ITTF World Cadet Challenge represents the continuation of the coaches' education. It is expected that all coaches take a very proactive approach in all communications and assignments.

Please note that ITTF will only contribute toward the expenses of the coaches at any stage of the Hopes Program, including hospitality at the 2017 World Hopes Week & Challenge, if they actively work as coaches on a regular basis in their home country organizations (school, club, provincial, regional or national level), are willing and able to actively assist in coaching all participating players as required, are recognized by their National Associations and are able to provide a national or other coaching certificate, if requested (the ITTF database will be checked automatically). Other coaches are welcome but financial support is limited to active coaches willing and able to assist all players.

Think globally, act locally and see you in Luxembourg

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